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SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE AND THE ICJ

REF: A) USUN 5464 B) STATE 259126

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH CONSUL MCQUILLAN NOVEMBER 4, EMBOFF SAID WE UNDERSTOOD, ON BASIS REF (B) THAT RICHARD HAD RAISED WITH MOLINA POSSIBILITY OF REFERRING DUSPUTE TO ICJ. (WE DID NOT RPT NOT SAY HOW OR WHERE WE HAD HEARD THIS.) WE NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME ANY UK REP HAD RAISED SUBJECT. MCQUILLAN SAID AS HE RECALLED IT MOLINA, NOT RICHARD, HAD BROUGHT UP ICJ.

2. FOLLOWING DAY MCQUILLAN SHOWED EMBOFF BOTH RICHARD'S TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF HIS OCTOBER 26 MEETING WITH MOLINA, WHCIH WAS IDENTICAL REF (A), AN LONGER, MORE DETAILED MEMCON RICHARD HAD PREPARED. LATTER RECORDED THAT MOLINA HAD SUGGESTED REFERRAL OF DISPUTE TO ICJ. (NEITHER MOLINA OR RICHARD AT ANY POINT DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF LAW VS. EQUITY OR FULL SUBMISSION VS. ADVISORY OPINION.) RICHARD THEN ASKED WHETHER GOG WOULD ACCEPT A DECISION BY THE COURT. MOLINA SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO GIVE
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THAT ASSURANCE BUT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MEANS OF TAKING

SOME HEAT OUT OF SITUATION. RICHARD THEN ASKED IF A REFERENDUM IN BELIZE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, AND MOLINA SAID GOG COULD NOT AGREE TO THAT BECAUSE OF ITS POSITION THAT SELF-DETERMINATION IS INAPPLICABLE IN TERRITORIES THAT ARE PART OF A SOVEREIGN STATE. ON OTHER HAND, MOLINA SAID, A REFERENDUM SHOWING A CLEAR MAJORITY FOR INDEPENDENCE WOULD HAVE A CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON PUBLIC OPINION IN GUATEMALA. RICHARD CONCLUDED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION BY SAYING "ALL THESE WERE MATTERS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH I HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RESTART AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

3. COMMENT: WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON WHO BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF ICJ, AND ALSO TO REPORT THAT, EVEN THOUGH MOLINA ORIGINATED THE DISCUSSION, RICHARD DID INCLUDE THE ICJ AMONG THE SUBJECTS SUITABLE FOR POST-UNGA NEGOTIATIONS.
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